

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, September 4, 2008

PLACE: Boulevard Community Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Road

TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM / ROLL CALL

1. Marilyn Polen 2. Pat Stuart 3. Jeffrey McKernan 4. Donna Tisdale
5. Bill Parsons 6. Darlene Koczka 7. Chris Noland

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4. CORRESPONDENCE:

5 NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE / SPECIAL MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 11: As part of the General Plan Update, planning groups are reviewing and revising their existing community plans, using a template the County has provided. The Group will begin the revision process at this meeting. A special community meeting has also been set for Thursday, September 11th at 7 PM, at the Boulevard Community Center to continue the process.

6 .OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES - POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS (SVP) IN BOULEVARD?: An update will be given. Neighbors of a vacant house on Jewel Valley Road discovered that it is under consideration for placement of at least one Sexually Violent Predator. Limited research shows another property in Tierra Heights under the same ownership.

B. BLM DOWNGRADES VISUAL RESOURCE CLASSIFICATIONS TO ALLOW FOR MINING AND INDUSTRIAL SCALE ENERGY PRODUCTION ON PUBLIC LAND IN EAST COUNTY: The Bureau of Land Management filed a Notice of Significant Change to the Final IS for the Eastern San Diego County Resource Management Plan. The comment deadline is August 26. The land use classification will be downgraded to allow industrial uses. 34,993 acres will be open for mining. 34,259 acres will be open for wind and geothermal energy production. The change will add an additional 13,495 acres to the already proposed 6,900 acres of public land made available for development of industrial wind energy by a Iberdrola Renewables which has plans in the McCain Valley area including Lark Canyon OHV camping/staging area. The Federal Register Notice is available a http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/fed_reg_archives.html.

C. SUNRISE POWERLINK RECIRCULATED DEIR/IS: New information on Sempra's La Rumorosa/ Baja Wind project triggered the recirculation as required by CEQA. New maps show the revised routes, including the so-called Environmentally Superior Southern Route through Jacumba, Boulevard, La Posta, Campo, Potrero, Alpine, etc. Pressure is growing for approval of the southern route to avoid the Anza Borrego State Park. Comments submitted by the Group will be reviewed The document can be found on line at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov:80/environment/info/aspen/sunrise/toc-rdeir..htm>

D. DEPT. OF ENERGY SCOPING HEARING: SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE AT JACUMBA (DOE docket no. PP-334): A report will be made on the two August 26th Department of Energy (DOE) scoping hearings, held at the Highland Senior Center in Jacumba, to address the new 500 kV cross-border power line and connection to the Southwest Powerlink. The federal application states that the Sunrise Powerlink or other new transmission line will be needed to move energy produced by 500-600 wind turbines proposed for Baja's Sierra Juarez mountains east of Jacumba.

E. SDG&E'S PROPOSED ECO SUBSTATION AND 14 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE REQUIRED

FOR WIND GENERATION PROJECTS: The Boulevard Substation by Tule Jim and Old 80 is proposed to be expanded from 1/4 acre to 3/4 acre onto private property. 14 miles of new transmission lines (steel poles 100' tall) will be needed to connect the substation to the Southwest Powerlink at the proposed ECO Substation near Jacumba. More transmission lines will be required to connect the PPM Energy/Iberdrola Renewables proposed McCain Valley wind project to the Boulevard Substation. Impacted property owners have been contacted by SDG&E and Iberdrola Renewables for an easement. SDG&E has stated they expect to file applications with the Public Utilities Commission sometime in August. SDG&E has the right of eminent domain. Iberdrola does not.

F. GOLDEN ACORN CASINO/HOTEL PROPOSED EXPANSION: On-hold. No new information available.

G. CAMPO LANDFILL: The Supplemental Draft IS for this long-planned landfill project on Campo's tribal lands is now projected to be released to the USEPA for review by the fall, and for public comment by year's end.

H. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: Update will be given on the August 23rd Steering Committee meeting.

I. TRAIL SYSTEM POTENTIAL FOR BOULEVARD: An update is expected from ad-hoc trails committee.

J. MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN (MSCP) FOR EAST COUNTY: No new information.

K. WIND ENERGY PROJECT IN MCCAIN VALLEY: The BLM has now tripled the acreage available for wind energy as requested by PPM Energy, now Iberdrola Renewables, including McCain Valley, the Lark Canyon OHV Park and Cottonwood Campground. Iberdrola Renewables (see 6 B above)

L. WEST-WIDE ENERGY CORRIDOR PROGRAMMATIC IS: The Boulevard, Jacumba, Campo, area has been included in the federally designated energy corridor which can include multiple power lines, phone lines, fiber optic lines, gas, oil, and hydrogen pipelines. This corridor designation has been used as justification for the southern route of Sunrise Powerlink and for BLM approval of over 20,000 local acres of wind and geothermal energy access. A formal legal challenge has been filed against this and other national energy corridors.

M. LANSING COMPANIES: Greg Lansing claims to control 7,800 Boulevard acres, including Big Country and Empire Ranch, with several thousand more acres under consideration. At his August 2nd BBQ Lansing stated that he wants to remove Boulevard from the General Plan Update and create his own comprehensive community plan for a master planned green community with greatly increased density, a water and sewer district, shopping, medical facilities, R&D and educational facilities, and sustainable wind energy.

N. INVENERGY: Invenergy's plans for wind energy development in the area is apparently ongoing but no announcements have been made. The County confirmed that they will require a Major Use Permit for installation of a meteorological test tower. Existing County regulations limit wind turbine height to 80 feet with strict set-back requirements.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public comment. The Group cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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